

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8, and 11 to 14 are pending in the application, of which claim 1 is independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 10 to 14 contain allowable subject matter, and would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. In view of this indication, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 10, and intervening claims 5 and 9, into base claim 1. Some of the remaining claims have been amended to correct dependencies. Claim 13 has been amended to correct a minor informality. The non-allowable claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

No fees are believed to be due for this Amendment; however, if any fees are due, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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